(b) whether the percentage of women in Government offices is much less in proportion to their population;

(c) whether Government propose to take some concrete steps for appointing more women conforming to the proportion of population; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) As per information obtained from the Report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission, women constitute 7.51% of the total Central Government employment, which is much less than their proportion in population. Out of the total number of working women in Central Government nearly 98% are working in group C & D.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for employment of women in proportion to their population.

IAS in States

4231. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that almost all the State Governments have filled up a large number of posts of Joint Secretary level and above in excess of the sanctioned strength of IAS cadre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have not obtained any prior approval for the creation of such higher post; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (d) Posts at the level of Joint Secretary and above in the State Governments can be filled up either by way of temporary additions to the cadre, or as ex-cadre posts in a State cadre of the IAS. In the letter case, the appointments are reckoned against the State Deputation Reserve (SDR) which is 25% of the Senior Duty Posts in the Cadre. However, as the SDR is not sanctioned grade-wise excess appointments are also not computable grade-wise, ex-cadre posts for the IAS created by the State Governments within the sanctioned SDR in that Cadre do not require the approval of the Central Government. As on 1-1-2001, against a

total authorized strength of 5159 in the various cadres of the IAS, 5088 officers were in position.

Extension of services beyond 60 years

4232. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of senior officials of Ministries and Autonomous Body in Delhi who have been granted extension of services beyond the age of 60 years during the current year;

(b) the details of extension given in each case alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that serious allegations are pending against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) In public interest, the Government has approved the extension in service beyond the age of 60 years, of the following five senior officers since 1st January, 2001.

(i) Shri T.R. Prasad, Cabinet Secretary—extension granted from 1-8-2001 upto 31-10-2002.

(ii) Lt. General A.K. Ahuja, Surveyor General of India—extension granted from 1-4-2001 to 30-9-2001.

(iii) Shri R.N. Agarwal, Scientist 'H', DRDO—extension granted from 1-8-2001 to 31-7-2003.

(iv) Shri K. Santhanam, Chief Adviser (Technology), DRDO—extension granted from 1-1-2000 to 31-3-2001.

(v) Shri P.K. Dave, Director, AIIMS—extension granted from 1-7-2001 to 30-6-2003.

(c) and (d) They had been cleared from vigilance angle at the time when the extension was granted.